SFT on May 22, 1995 and not giving promotion to SC officer also as per Agenda Item 18/8 of Board;

(c) the reasons for not taking action of cases of Professional misconduct, selling of Agricultural land, drawing lease land by self and HRA by wives, Telephone Promotion, Promotion/upgradation without Board approval and violating R and P Rules;

(d) whether a officer who is involved in all cases mentioned above has been made Head of Personal Department; and

(e) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Expenditure Incurred on Irrigation

1517. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on different irrigation projects during 7th and 8th five year plans;

(b) the total expenditure to be incurred on different irrigation projects works, which are going on; and

(c) the official estimate in regard to the average percentage of capacity created for the use of water received through various rivers and the rains in the country by the end of year 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Details of expenditure incurred by the Government on different irrigation projects during the Seventh and Eighth Plans are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Five Year Plan	Expenditure
Seventh	14225.64
Eighth	28391.79 (outlay)

(b) The total expenditure to be incurred on different on-going Major and Medium irrigation projects during Ninth Plan is expected to be Rs. 41,272-00 crores.

(c) The estimated percentage utilisation of the total utilisable water resources of the country during 1994-95 is about 53 per-cent.

Percentage of Irrigation Land

1518. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total percentage of irrigated land out of the total cultivable land in Rajasthan;

(b) the percentage of area irrigated by various means of irrigation and the reasons for non-development of irrigation resources inspite of Rajasthan being such a big State with scanty rainfall this time;

(c) the total expenditure and the total construction done so far on the Indira Gandhi Canal project;

(d) the total land being irrigated by the Indira Gandhi Canal Project as present and the time time by which it is likely to be completed and the reasons for not granting it the status of a National Irrigation Scheme, by the Central Government;

(e) the various irrigation projects of Rajasthan pending with the Union Government for its approval; and

(f) the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The percentage of net irrigated land of total cultivable land in Rajasthan is 17.39 as per Land Use Statistics of Ministry of Agriculture for 1992-93 (latest).

Development of irrigation depends on various factors such as topographic and hydrological conditions, annual rainfall, ground water recharge and the inter-sectoral priorities assigned by the State Government in allocation of Plan outlays.

(c) Total expenditure incurred upto March, 1996 on Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is Rs. 1423 crores. The main canal of 649 kilometer length and the distribution system totalling 5635 kilometer have been completed upto March, 1996.

(d) Irrigation potential created by the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage I and II upto March, 1996 is 9.38 lakh hectares, while actual irrigation during 1995-96 has been 7.90 lakh hectares. The project on completion will irrigate 15.17 lakh hectares out of total culturable command area of 18.69 lakh hectares. According to the Government of Rajasthan, the project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.. The Central Government has not granted the status of National Irrigation Scheme to any irrigation project in the country including Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

(e) and (f). Details of irrigation projects of Rajasthan pending with the Government of India for approval are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

	Name of project	Estimated cost
	1	2
1.	Bisalpur drinking water cum-Irrigation	309.07
2.	Bethali Irrigation	13.07
3.	Chauli Irrigation	28.87
4.	Bandi Sendra	11.56
5.	Sukli Irrigation	15.41
6.	Chakan Irrigation	7.98

	1	2
7.	Garada Irrigation	36.50
8.	Piplad Irrigation	16.93
9.	Olwara Lift Irrigation	9.00
10.	Indira Gandhi Nahar State-I (Extension, Renovation and Modernisation)	86.39

Land Under Irrigation

1519. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 149 million hectare agricultural land was under irrigation by small means in the beninning of the year 1995;

(b) if not, the full details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a fact has revealed recently from the study conducted by a wing of Birla Foundation that about 50 million hectare of land out of it is not arable now due to lack of irrigation; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture, for 1992-93 (latest) the details of land under irrigation by all means together are as under:

(In million hectares)

		Year 1992-93 (provisional)
1.	Total Geographical area of country	328.73
2.	Total cultivable area	184.38
3.	Net area sown	142.51
4.	Gross irrigated area	66.14
5.	Net irrigated area	50.10

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per official Land Use Statistics (1992-93), the net irrigated area in the country is of the order of 50.10 million hectares out of 142.51 million hectares of net sown area in the country.

[English]

To Save Cultural Heritage

1520. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the steady erosion and consequential threat to the river island Majuli (Jorhat District, Assam) a centre of Vaishnavite art and culture;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save this religio-cultural heritage;

(c) the extent of erosion suffered by the Majuli island during the last decades;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from any international agency/organisation for the reclamation and preservation of the Majuli Island heritage; and

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). The island suffers from erosion due to river action of the Brahmaputra and Subansiri. To prevent further erosion, embankments have been provided in some portions of the island. There are no protected monuments in Majuli island.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Jet Trainer Aircraft

1521. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of serious consequences in quality of training and loss of front line jet aircraft in training due to non-availability of suitable jet trainer aircraft;

(b) if so, whether any decision to acquire the Advance Jet Trainer has been taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). The Government is aware of the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer for stage III training of IAF combat pilots. Acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer has, accordingly, already been approved by the Government. Commercial negotiations have commenced.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of SSIP

1522. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rehabilitation work of Sardar Sarovar Irrigation project is going on at Taloda and Tanuka area of district Dhule in Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any provision to provide irrigation facility under this scheme for the land given to tribal farmers of the State; and